

**SUMMARY MINUTES
DAVIS POND ADVISORY COMMITTEE # 3
MARCH 20, 2002
ST CHARLES PARISH COURTHOUSE**

1. Committee members in attendance:
 - Garrett Broussard, for Bill Good, LDNR
 - Bruce Baird, USACE
 - Gerry Bodin, USFWS
 - Allen Bolotte, NRCS
 - Jeanene Peckham, USEPA
 - Bren Haase, NMFS
 - Pete Vujnovich, Oyster Fisheries
 - Gene Adams, Shrimp Fisheries, Upper Basin
 - Randy Gros, Recreational Fisheries
 - Heather Warner-Finley, LDWF
 - Kenneth Hemphill, DHH
 - Dwight Bradshaw, for David Ogé, DEQ
 - Marnie Winter, Jefferson Parish
 - Frank Ellender, for Kermit Coulon, Landowners
 - Eddie Landrum, for Kerry St. Pé, BTNEP
2. DPAC approved minutes of May 2001 meeting.
3. DPAC approved format of annual report. Add sections on vegetation and operations of siphons.
4. Report from the Technical Working Group. David Elmore, USACE, reported that based on salinity trends at the 5 ppt line, the structure should be operated at 4,100 cfs. The operational scheme would be to open the structure at 1,000 cfs and increase flow at weekly increments of 500 cfs. Target salinity range for April is 4 to 9 ppt; objective is to reach high-end of that range as flows are increased to 4,100. Flow will be recalculated at next TWG meeting on April 19, 2002.
5. Presentation by Dr. Paul Kemp, and Mr. Hassan Mashriqui, LSU, on their Hydrologic Modeling project. **DPAC moved to request the TWG to evaluate and provide a written opinion of the model as a potential planning tool for Davis Pond operations.**
6. Jack Fredine, USACE, announced the dedication of the Davis Pond structure on March 26, 2002 at 2:00pm.

7. Discussion was opened on the schedule for regular operations of the structure.
 - Bruce Baird: Three oyster leases are being relocated. That may delay routine operations for about a month as a guess. Corps wants to operate the structure for the dedication and open it intermittently to train St. Charles Parish personnel, which should not affect salinity at the oyster beds. For the dedication ceremony, a flow of about 5,000 cfs and for training a lower flow for the St. Charles Parish operators.
 - Marnie Winter: To clarify, open the structure for the dedication, open periodically for training, then close the structure. The DPAC agreed to delay routine operations until oyster lease issues have been resolved, then to open the structure as originally recommended, at 1,000 cfs for one week and ramp up flow in 500cfs/week increments.
 - Gene Adams and Marnie Winter: Members of the DPAC want to be informed of operational decisions, at least in the early stages of the project. The DPAC agreed to add the names of the whole group to the mailing list of the Tech. Work group.
 - Chuck Villarrubia, DNR: Send email to him to verify current email address. DPAC will be notified with TWG of all operational issues and meeting notices.
8. Meeting adjourned.